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The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

**Listing of claims:**

- 1           1. (currently amended) An apparatus for measuring intra cranial pressure,  
2           comprising:  
3                 an acoustic eye patch conformably adapted to an eyeball of a patient,  
4           said eye patch having sensors for measuring acoustic signals in the brain;  
5                 a sweep generator for applying acoustic signals to the brain across the  
6           skull of the patient, said signals sweeping a predetermined range;  
7                 an analyzer for determining from an output of the acoustic eye patch  
8           an intra cranial pressure.
  
- 1           2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said predetermined range is  
2           an ultrasonic resonance range and said analyzer determines a resonant  
3           frequency and a degree of damping of the acoustic signal at said resonant  
4           frequency, and wherein said degree of damping is correlated to a measure of  
5           intra cranial pressure.
  
- 1           3. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the acoustic eye  
2           patch is adapted to be applied to both eyeballs of the patient.
  
- 1           4. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the predetermined resonance  
2           range is 20-175 kHz.

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1        5. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the acoustic eye patch sensor  
2        is a piezoelectric film.

1        6. (original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the analyzer determines  
2        coherence between eyeballs of the patient.

1        7. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said predetermined range  
2        includes frequencies less than 20 kHz and said analyzer detects retinal artery  
3        pulsations, and wherein pressure is applied to the eye until the retinal artery  
4        pulsations disappear, said applied pressure being a measure of intra cranial  
5        pressure.

1        8. (currently amended) A method for determining intra cranial pressure,  
2        comprising the steps of:  
3                conformably adapting an acoustic eye patch to an eyeball of a patient,  
4        said eye patch having sensors for measuring acoustic signals in the brain;  
5                applying acoustic signals to the brain across the skull of the patient,  
6        said signals sweeping a predetermined range;  
7                determining from an output of the acoustic eye patch an intra cranial  
8        pressure.

1        9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said predetermined range is an  
2        ultrasonic resonance range and said analyzer determines a resonant frequency  
3        and a degree of damping of the acoustic signal at said resonant frequency, and  
4        wherein said degree of damping is correlated to a measure of intra cranial  
5        pressure.

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1        10. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the acoustic eye patch is  
2        applied to both eyeballs of the patient.

1        11. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the predetermined resonance  
2        range is 20-175 kHz.

1        12. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the acoustic eye patch sensor  
2        is a piezoelectric film.

1        13. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the analyzer determines  
2        coherence between eyeballs of the patient.

1        14. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said predetermined range  
2        includes frequencies less than 20 kHz and said analyzer detects retinal artery  
3        pulsations, and wherein pressure is applied to the eye until the retinal artery  
4        pulsations disappear, said applied pressure being a measure of intra cranial  
5        pressure.